

FAIR NAME WIPED OUT

Little of Reputation Left to Girl Who Was Murdered in Allentown, Pa.

TESTIMONY OF HER LOVER

It Strengthens the Chain of Circumstantial Evidence Around the Dead Girl's Mother.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ALLENTOWN, PA., Jan. 18 .- The chain of circumstantial evidence, which the Commonwealth is attempting to forge around Mrs. Catherine Bechtel, charged with being an accessory after the fact in the murder of her daughter, Mabel, was greatly strengthened to-day by the witness called by the prosecution. And, coupled with this, what little was left of the fair name of the dead girl was completely wiped out by the testimony of Alois Eckstein, who said he was willing to overlook her faults and make the pretty wayward girl his wife.

Eckstein's story of the intimacy of himself and other men with Mabel Bechhimself and other men with Mabel Bechtel was shocking. He went so far as to testify that the mother countenanced the misconduct of her daughter. He related his visit to the Bechtel home on the day that Mabel's body is alleged to have been hidden in the house, and said that the actions of the members of the family appeared strange to him.

On the Saturday preceding the murder, Eckstein said he visited the Bechtel home and remained all night.

"Which room did you occupy?" he was asked,

"Which room aid you occupy: he was asked;
"The second story front."
"In which room did Mabel sleep?"
"Second story front."
LOVED THE GIRL.
Under cross-examintion Eckstein said he loved Mabel and he thought she cared for him. He understood it was agreed that he should marry her.
"You often spoke of marrying her?" he was asked by counsel for the defense.
"I did."
"What did Mabel say?"
"She always put me off."
"Did you ever strike Mabel?"
"Tes."

OFFER BOAT FOR SURLEY

Co-operation of United States Government Tendered Mr. Jordan in Oyster Matter.

DATE FIXED FOR HEARING BILL

Public Meeting to be Had Before Chesapeake and Tributaries Committee Jan. 27th.

The Committee on Chesapeake and its Tributaries had an interesting session immediately after the adjournment of the

House yesterday. bill recently introduced in the House by Hon. E. C. Jordan, was under consideration. The committee fixed upon Wednesday, 27th, at 10 o'clock, as the time for holding a public session of the committee for the purpose of hearing practicable to make them, and shall cause those who may desire to be heard on the subject. The Senate Committee on Fish and Game was invited to sit jointly with

the House committee at that time.

Mr. Jordan road to the committee a letter which he had received from Hon. Mr. Jordan read to the committee a letter which he had received from Hon. George M. Bowers, Commissioner of Fisheries of the United States, tendering to Virginia the use of the steamer Fish Hawk for such work as may be authorized by the State in connection with the cyster question. The commissioner states that the only expense the State would have to assume would be for the subsistence of any of its representatives who may stop on the vessel, amounting to one dollar a day each. Mr. Jordan stated that he had been to the Bureau of Fisheries in Washington, a number of times, and had also been in correspondence with the commissioner with reference to this vessel, and he is entitled to great credit for having gotten this tender on the part of this department, which will greatly aid such committee as may be appointed under the pending bill it passed, and will greatly lessen the cost of carrying the provisions of the bill interest. TEXT OF THE BILL.

The full text of the Jordan bill is as

A BILL to define and determine the natural oyster beds, rocks and shoals of the State, to provide for an investigation and examination of certain public grounds within the Baylor Geodetic Survey, to determine what part of such greund is natural beds, rocks or shouls, and what part bairen ground; to provide for leasing such barren ground to citizens of the State, to appoint a special joint committee to carry into evect the provisions of this act, and to appropriate money to defray the experses incurred hereunder.

Whereas, there are within the limits of the Baylor Geodetic Survey many thousands of acres which are declared by law to be natural oyster peds, rocks and sheals, but which either did not at any time produce oysters naturally or which have become so exhalisted and depleted by overwork or otherwise as not to be prefitable to the citzens of the State authrized by law to work upon the same;

whereas, such barren or depleted or ex-batsted ground within cald survey is now of no value to the State or to any citizens, thereof, but the same can be made valu-able to the State and to the citizens there-of, by leasing the same for the purpose of playing and propagating systems thereon; and,

Whereas, there is a pressing demand

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Mild cases, not chronic, any often cured with one or two bottles. At druggists.

practicable to make them, and shall cause such sections to be numbered consecutive. By beginning with number one, And when the action of said committee shall have become final, as hereimafter, provided, the last named portion or portions of said public ground is hereby defined and determined to be and shall be construed in all of the courts of the State to be beared for planting purposes under the previsions of this act. And when the action of said committee shall have become final, as hereinatter provided, the sid committee shall cause to be delineated upon the chart or charts of the listler of Geodetic Survey, on file in the cieff of the said county, the lines of such influent ovster beds, rocks and shouls, as well as the lines of such barron ground, including the ines and numbers of such ten-acre sections herein provided tor, and shall cause to be filed in the said clerk's office a description of the metes and bounds, courses and distances and permanent objects on the shore, by which the lines aforesaid may be found and ascertained.

ASSIGN BARREN OROUND.

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ASSIGN BARREN GROUND.

As soon as the said committee shall have investigated and examined such public ground and eaused the same to be surveyed and plotted, they shall assign the barren ground within said public ground to such citizen or citizens of the State as shall have applied for the same as hereinbefore provided, giving priority or such applicant or applicants in the order in which application or applications shall have been made; and said committee shall certify the said assignment or assignments to the oyster inspector for the district in which said ground lies, who shall collect from the said assignment or assignments to the oyster inspector for the district in which said ground lies, who shall collect from the said assignee or assignments to the oyster inspector for the district in which said so the sum of one doilar per acre, which last-named sum shall be turned over to the Lioard of Fisheries, to be by them paid into the public transury to defray the expenses of making such investigation and committee shall be turned over to the said ground. The action of the said ground. The action of the said ground ariter two months from the date of the assignment of the same; provided, however, that at any time within the said two months twenty-five or more registered voters of this State, residents of such county, may file in the clerk's office of the county wherein said ground is located, a petition in writing, under oath, alleging that natural oyster beds, rocks and shoulds courses and distances having their places of beginning and ending designated by per manent objects on the skere. The assignee of assignment to the said petition, and san her assignment of the said county as the public own the said requires a pool of the celerk shall docket the said petition, and shall be served when it is next petition, and if the said county shall to county, as its next term, shall try and

PAY A PENNY TO AID A SIGK FRIEND.

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SPRING STREET HOME.

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Supplies Badly Needed.
Wednesday, January 27th, is "Donation Day" at the Spring Street Home, No. 621 Spring Street. A worther institution cannot be found in this city.
The ladkes and gentlemen interested in this benevolent enterprise respectfully nak the attention of the public to its work and requirements. It shelters an average of ten unfortunite girls constantly, taking them from victous surroundings, providing them from victous and printing them in the many cases infants of these girls have been chred for and proper's disposed of. The home has been doing its work nearly thirty years, and in an unostentatious, practical way probably has accomplished as much good as any other institution in Virginia.

Officers of the home and members of the board constantly receive letters from former immates expressing gratitude and appreciation, and indicating that reformations have been complished and permanent, and that they have succeeded in changing forlorn and deplorable outcasts, into healthy, happy and hopeful women. The following is a sample of one of these letters, received from a former immate of the home:

"If wish I could do something and give something to the home, for I do love that home, and may God send showers of blessings on it, and to the dear, broken-hearted girls and to each and every one of the lady managers. God only knows how I love you all, and how I thank you for all your kindness to me. At times I fee' very low-spirited and discouraged, until the blessed words come into my mind, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."

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"I never will forget your kindness to me in my time of distress and grief. You showed me, by your loving kindness and sweet charity for poor, unfortunate ones, that you were trying to rescue the perishing and holp them to live the rest of their lives in purity.

"I am now in more trouble than I have ever been; my heart is almost broken; I will have to go out in the world as soon as I can to try and make an honest living and to take care of my dear little baby. Pray for me in my great sorrow and trouble, and ask all the ladles of the board to pray for me also."

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AT THE LOCAL HOTELS. Some of the Well-Known Ar-

rivals at Various Hostelries. Among the arrivals in the city yester div was Mr. William Leigh, Common-vesith's attorney of Halifax county. Mr. Leigh was formerly the law partner of the late Judge J. W. Riely, and is himself one of the best equipped lawyers in the Southside. He is at Rueger's

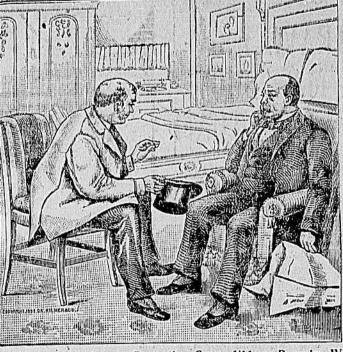
tion, R. W. Winborne, of Buena Vista, member of the General Assembly in 1897-8. was mingling in the growd at Murphy's city and has many friends here Mr. Nelson S. Groome, a well known

Hempton gentleman, and cashier of a bank there, arrived in this city last night

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THOUSANDS HAVE KIONEY THE TREATY TROUBLE AND DON'T KNOW IT



To Prove what Swamp-Root, the Great Kidney Remedy, Will Do for YOU, Every Reader of The Times-Dispatch May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Free by Mail.

Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for more sickness and suffering than any other disease, therefore, when through neglect or other causes, kidney trouble is permitted to continue, fatal results are sure to follow.

Your other organs may need attention-but your kidneys most, because they do most and need attention first.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, because as soon as your kidneys begin to get better they will help all the other organs to health, A trial will convince any one.

The mild and immediate effect of Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. Swamp-Root will set your whole system right, and the best proof of this is a trial.

14 East 120th St., New York City.

Dear Sir:

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Thad been suffering severely from kidney trouble. All symptoms everely from kidney trouble did. It was then it saw an advertise when to did. It was then it saw an advertise when to did. It was then it saw an advertise of your medicine, asserting that your Swamp-Root is purely vegetable, and does not contain any harmful drugs. I am seventy years and four mouths old, and with a good conscience can recommend Swamp-Hoot to fil saff my from kidney troubles. Four medicine, asserting that your Swamp-Root is the great discovery of Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist. Hospitol's use it with wonderful success in both slight and severe casses. Doctors, recommend it to the first things of the property from kidney troubles. Four medicine asserting that your Swamp-Root is the great discovery of Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist. Hospitol's use it with wonderful success in both slight and severe casses. Doctors, recommend it to their patients and use it in their own functions. "Went truly yours."

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"BOBERT BERNER."

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You may have a sample bottle of this famous kidney remedy, Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is for sale at drug stores the world over the bottle of this sent free by mail, postpaid, by which you may test its virtues for such disorders as kidney, bladder and uric acid diseases, poor digestion, being obliged mitted.

EDITORIAL NOTICE.—If you have the slightest symptoms of kidney or bladder trouble, or if there is a trace of it in your family history, send at once to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Bighamton, N. Y., who will glady send you by mail, immediately, without cost to you, a sample bottle of Swamp-Root and a book containing many of the thousands upon thousands of testimonial letters received from men and women cured. In writing, be sure to say that you read this generous offer in The Richmond Dally Times-Dispatch.

CONTESTS IN THE CAUCUS

and the Judgeship and Land Office Fights Up.

for register of the land office and for judge of the Fourteenth Circuit. It is expected that another effort will be made to force action by the caucus on the matter of excluding Messrs. Parker and Owens from the party caucus.
In fact, it is predicted that the first fight of the caucus will be on the Norfolk county contest as to regularity. The representatives of the regular or straightout faction will be on hand in force, and in fact, several of them are force, and in fact, several of them are here now, putting in work to secure the exclusion of the two fusion members. Mr. Hugh Johnston, editor of the Norfolk County Democrat, and Colonel George C. Cabell, counsel for the Straightouts, are in the city already and others are expected here this evening

Everybody will be busy around the ing.

Everybody will be busy around the Capitoi to-day and to-morrow, and in the hotel lobbies to-night, owing to the hot contests in the caucus. As far as can be gleaned the fight is exceedingly close for both the nominations to be made. Each side claims to have enough delegates pledged to elect a register of the land office, and both are hopeful victory. The fight has now narrowed to a contest between Messrs. Richardson and Newhouse and is without doubt very close. Both sides are hustling every minute, trying to hold their forces in line. For the judgeship, the friends of both Mr. Tyler and Mr. Barnes are working without lot-up, and neither is claiming a cinch. Mr. Barnes' forces were augmented last night by the arrival of several influential workers from the Pennsula counties and clies, and strenuous efforts are being made to secure a lead for the New Kent candidate over Mr. Tyler. The latter's followers, wille not over-confident, are working and are quietly hopeful. Wilton Euroughty, J. L. Cumbra and J. J. C. Phillips: Trustees (one year); J. B. J. C. Phillips: Trustees (one year); J. B. J. C. Allen, R. W. Clarke and N. Larson.

Meets To-day in Danville.

The State Board of Agriculture will meet to-day in Danville in big in the county has a usual. Several of the members were in the city has night on their way to that city. Among those observed were Mr. Tyler. The latter's followers, while to the Culpeper and Essex, respectively to the Culpeper and Essex, respectively of the members of the beard are A. O. Allauck, of Yorktown; Julian and Mr. J. H. C. Boverley, and W. H. Esporn, Mr. C. W. Heart of the county of the working and are to the county of the port of the part of the part

EAGLES TO INVITE THE PRESIDENT

The Norfolk County Struggle Local Aerie to Ask Him to be Present at Celebration Here in March,

eral Assembly will meet at 8 oclock tomorrow night in the hall of the House
of Delegates to nominate a candidate

On Thursday morning a committee of Eagles will go from here to Washington to see President Roosevelt and Congressto program of New Invention Discovered by a Versatile Correspondent.

Man Sullivan, of New York, They will be a Candidate of Delegates to nominate a candidate of the Correspondent. On Thursday morning a committee of man Sullivan, of New York. They will ask those distinguished centlemen to come to R'chmond in March to take part in the auniversary ceremonies of Dixie

Aeric.

Both the President and Congressman Sullivan are Eagles. The Bijon Theatre has been engaged for the celebration, and in elaborate programme will be arranged

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The committee consists of the following gentlemen: William Leinhelmer, charriren; George E. Guvernator, J. B. bl. 10, P. T. Murphy, E. R. Fuller, J. H. Campbell, Gus Bernier, Charles , McKee, J. C. West, R. Levy, J. Bac galupo, C. Riab, The committee will return Thursday night.

HER 103D BIRTHDAY.

Negress Visited by Many People on Account of Her Great Age. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—Fannie

Lomax, a negress residing across the river from Washington, in Rosslyn, Va., celebrated her one hundred and third birthday Saturday. A number of friends of the woman, including white people, went to see her. There is said to be undoubted evidence of the great age of the woman. She says she was born on the Buckner estate, on the Rappahannock River, near Fredericksburg, January 16 1801. She is the mother of twelve chil-

REPORTED

Senator Morgan Makes Earnest Protest Against Action of the Committee.

SECONDED BY MR. DANIEL

Messrs. Cullom, Spooner and Allison Reply, Defending Course of Committee.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—While the
Panama Canal question has been before the Senate on general principles during the greater part of the present session, the Panama Canal treaty was not report-

ed until to-day. It had no sooner been

reported favorably to the Senate in exe-

cutive session than it became the sub-

ject of heated controversy.

Senator Cullom made the report in favor of the treaty, whereupon Senator Morgan as a member of the committee at once entered a formal protest against the acceptance of the report on the ground that when the committee decided to report the treaty, an amendment was still under consideration, and that he had not had time to present an amendment looking to the striking out of article of the striking out of article out of the striking out of articl ticle 22 of the treaty, in which Panama ronounces her right to participation in the earnings of the canni when built. Schutor Mergan supported his written statement with a brief speech, and was immediately followed by Schutor Daniel with a resolution declaring against th

immediately followed by Senator Daniel with a resolution declaring against the policy of reporting any treaty he may desire to present. Senator Daniel declared that the course of the committee had been both precipiate and unfair, and urged that the treaty should be recommitted for further consideration.

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

Roplies were made by Senators Cullom, Spooner and Allison, Speaking as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Reintions, Mr. Cullom said that the treaty had been in committee for almost a month before it was taken up. He declared that very careful consideration had been given to all the details connected with the treaty, and said that instead of precipitancy being manifosted the committee had given the utmost consideration to all suggestions for amendments and had adopted some of them. Senator Spooner spoke along the same lines and went into detail to show the consideration given by the committee to the suggestions of Democratic members. Senator Allison suggested that Democratic members. gestions of Democratic memters. Seni-tor Allison suggested that Democratic senators could offer amendments at any stage of the proceedings in the Senate, and assured them that all such amend-ments would have fair and deliberate

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No action was taken on Senator Daniel's resolution or Senator Morgan's protest, but before the Senate adjourned Senator Cullom gave notice that he would ask the Senate to take up the treaty to-morrow or Wednesday, and until disposed of to consider it from-larto day to the exclusion of other

DECLARE PLATFORM

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any kind would be possible with the money changers in control of the par-

"Shall we change our position on the

"Shall we change our position on the inrift question in order to win over Democrats who are enjoying the benefits of protection? It is absurd to suggest it, for the same vicious principle runs through all of the abuses from which the people suffer.

"The Kansas City platform is sound in every plank, and the first act of the next Democratic Convention should be to reaffirm it in its entirety and its next act should be the addition of new planks in harmony with it and covering such new questions as demand consideration."

NATURAL WASH TUB.

a Versatile Correspondent.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RONBURY, VA., Jan. 18.—The servant problem has been solved in New Kent county. Thursday while a negro well-digger was digging a well for Mr. William Clator, of this county, and was down thirty-three feet, his feet began to get hot. He called to his helpers to draw him up quick as it was too hot for him to stand. The old negro began to grow uneasy, fearing he was near the place that is prepared for the wicked, He had no sooner reached the top than a rumbling was heard, then a hissing sound followed, as of escaping steam.

A large stream of bolling water began to flow into the well and soon two feet of water was in the well bolling as if some great fire was under the well. In his fright the negro left his shoes and overalls in the well, those were thrown up some ten feet out of the well. The overalls that were full of mud and grime a few minutes before were new as clean as when first bought. Other pleces or clothing were thrown in the well and after bolling several minutes they, too, were thrown out as clean as if done by human hands.

Since then whole baskets of clothes intended for the washwoman have 'gone into the well. After bolling some hours or so they are thrown out nicely spread out on the ground as if done by human hands.

This mysterious well is drawing large crowds of people to witness the strange proceedings. The laddes say they need no more washwomen, as every piece from the fibest fabric to the commonest cloth is washed better than by the old process.

WOMEN PRAISE IT.

There are thousands of women to-day praising the celebrated Hosietter's Stomach Bitters. When they were rundown and in need of a health restorer and regulator they were porsunded to try the Bitters with the result that they now enjoy perfect health, All SICKLY WOMEN should try II at once. Besides CURING ALL FEMALE COMPLAINTS It is also unequalled for INDIGESTION, DYSPEPSIA, INSOMNIA, AND CONSTIPATION.

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS.